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## **Lower Passaic River Restoration Project**

### **ENFORCEMENT CONFIDENTIAL:**

7/6 Executive Committee meeting: NJDEP (Campbell) is ready to issue an order compelling Tierra to design an interim remedy to either remove dioxin-contaminated sediments down to 17ppt or remove the 10 million most-contaminated cubic yards of sediment. If Tierra does not comply with the order, NJDEP has money to fund design work to proceed to the next step of ordering Tierra to implement an interim

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in the design work. Next steps: 1) NJDEP will share their draft order and supporting data with the other 5 agencies; 2) NJDEP will review the MOA to move it toward signature; 3) EPA & other agencies will work on shortening the schedule to 3 years; 4) another Executive Committee meeting will be held in September.

The AOC amendment to add 12 new PRPs, bringing the group up to 43, is being circulated for signature.

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## **Newark Bay**

Compiled comments on the RIWP and the "big picture" amendments were forwarded to TSI on 7/7. There were numerous delays in getting the commentors to respond so this submittal is actually 1 month later than originally planned. Once TSI reviews the comments a meeting will be held to resolve the comments and to further narrow down the timeframe for getting into the field to begin sampling.

## **Diamond Alkali Land Site**

We are meeting with TSI on 7/13 to discuss the construction complete report as well as TSI's continued participation in the Lister Avenue Brownfields Development Area.

## **Joint Passaic River/Newark Bay Issues**

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A draft CSO Order has been sent to TSI, since TSI is doing the sampling work associated with Passaic River and Newark Bay CSO characterization. A meeting is scheduled for 7/18 to discuss.

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